

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An adhesive composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a PHA containing at least about 65 wt% of a 3-hydroxybutyrate monomer, the adhesive composition having a surface tack time value of at most about 15 seconds,

wherein, when exposed to a pressure of at most about 100 psig, the adhesive composition can form a bond with a surface or itself, the bond having a peel bond strength of at least about 10 Nm^{-2} .

2. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition has a surface tack time value of at most about 5 seconds.

3. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition has a surface tack time value of at most about 1 second.

4. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the pressure is at most about 50 psig.

5. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the pressure is at most about 10 psig.

6. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the pressure is at most about 1 psig.

7. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the peel bond strength is at least about 100 Nm^{-2} .

8. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the peel bond strength is at least about 500 Nm^{-2} .

9. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, further comprising a solvent for the PHA.

10. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 9, wherein the adhesive composition contains at most about 90 weight percent solvent.

11. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 9, wherein the composition comprises at most about 80 weight percent solvent.

12. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 9, wherein the composition comprises at most about 75 weight percent solvent.

13. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 9, wherein the composition comprises at most about 50 weight percent solvent.

14. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 9, wherein the composition comprises at most about 35 weight percent solvent.

15. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 9, wherein the composition comprises at most about 1 weight percent solvent.

16. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 9, wherein the solvent comprises an organic solvent.

17. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 9, wherein the solvent comprises an aqueous solvent.

18. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, further comprising a mixed solvent system.

19. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 18, wherein the mixed solvent system comprises water and a water immiscible organic solvent.

20. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the PHA has a weight average molecular weight of from about 1,000 Daltons to about 900,000 Daltons.

21. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the PHA has a glass transition temperature of from about -40°C to about 20°C.

22. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the PHA has a crystallinity of from about 5% to about 65%.

23. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the composition has an open time of at least about 10 minutes.

24. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the composition has an open time of at least about 100 minutes.

25. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the composition has an open time of at least about 200 minutes.

26. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition is substantially free of adhesive additives.

27. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition comprises at most about 95 weight percent adhesive additives.

28. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition comprises at most about 50 weight percent adhesive additives.

29. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition comprises at most about 10 weight percent adhesive additives.

30. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition comprises at most about 1 weight percent adhesive additives.

31. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 26, wherein the adhesive additives are selected from the group consisting of tackifiers, cross-linking agents, initiators, colorants, waxes, stabilizers and plasticizers.

32. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition comprises at least about five weight percent PHA.

33. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition comprises at least about 10 weight percent PHA.

34. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition comprises at least about 25 weight percent PHA.

35. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition comprises at least about 50 weight percent PHA.

36. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition comprises at least two different PHAs.

37. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 36, wherein one of the PHAs has a first weight average molecular weight, and a different PHA has a second weight average molecular weight, a difference between the first and second weight average molecular weights being at least about 1,000 Daltons.

38. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 37, wherein the difference between the first and second weight average molecular weights being at least about 50,000 Daltons.

39. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 37, wherein the difference between the first and second weight average molecular weights being at least about 100,000 Daltons.

40. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the PHA has a polydispersity index of at least about two.

41. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the PHA has a polydispersity index of at least about 2.2.

42. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the PHA has a polydispersity index of at least about 2.5.

43. (Currently Amended) An article, comprising:
a substrate having a surface; and
a composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a PHA containing at least about 65 wt% of a 3-hydroxybutyrate monomer,

wherein the composition is supported by the surface of the substrate, the composition has a surface tack time value of at most about 15 seconds, and, when exposed to a pressure of at most about 100 psig, the composition can form a bond with a surface of a second substrate, the bond having a peel bond strength of at least about 10 Nm^{-2} .

44. (Original) The article of claim 43, wherein the peel bond strength is at least about 100 Nm^{-2} .

45. (Original) The article of claim 43, wherein the pressure is at most about 50 psig.

46. (Original) The article of claim 43, wherein the composition comprises at least two different PHAs.

47. (Original) The article of claim 46, wherein one of the PHAs has a first weight average molecular weight, and a different PHA has a second weight average molecular weight, a difference between the first and second weight average molecular weights being at least about 1,000 Daltons.

48. (Original) The article of claim 43, wherein the composition has an open time of at least about 70 minutes.

49. (Original) The article of claim 43, wherein the PHA has a weight average molecular weight of from about 1,000 Daltons to about 900,000 Daltons.

50. (Original) The article of claim 43, wherein the PHA has a glass transition temperature of from about -40°C to about 20°C .

51. (Original) The article of claim 43, wherein the PHA has a crystallinity of from about 5% to about 65%.

52. (Currently Amended) An article, comprising:
a substrate having a surface; and
a composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a PHA containing at least about 65 wt% of a 3-hydroxybutyrate monomer,

wherein the composition is supported by the surface of the substrate, the composition has a surface tack time value of at most about 15 seconds, and the composition has an open time of at least about 70 minutes.

53. (Original) The article of claim 52, wherein the composition has an open time of at least about 100 minutes.

54. (Original) The article of claim 52, wherein the composition has an open time of at least about 200 minutes.

55. (Original) The article of claim 52, wherein the composition comprises at least two different PHAs.

56. (Original) The article of claim 55, wherein one of the PHAs has a first weight average molecular weight, and a different PHA has a second weight average molecular weight, a difference between the first and second weight average molecular weights being at least about 1,000 Daltons.

57. (Original) The article of claim 52, wherein the PHA has a weight average molecular weight of from about 1,000 Daltons to about 900,000 Daltons.

58. (Original) The article of claim 52, wherein the PHA has a glass transition temperature of from about -40°C to about 20°C.

59. (Original) The article of claim 52, wherein the PHA has a crystallinity of from about 5% to about 65%.

60. (Currently Amended) An article, comprising:
a substrate having a surface; and
a composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a PHA containing at least about 65 wt% of a 3-hydroxybutyrate monomer and having a weight average molecular weight of from about 1,000 Daltons to about 900,000 Daltons,
wherein the composition is supported by the surface of the substrate, and, when exposed to a pressure of at most about 100 psig, the composition can form a bond with a surface, the bond having a peel bond strength of at least about 10 Nm^{-2} .

61. (Original) The article of claim 60, wherein the weight average molecular weight of the PHA is from about 10,000 Daltons to about 500,000 Daltons.

62. (Original) The article of claim 60, wherein the weight average molecular weight of the PHA is from about 50,000 Daltons to about 250,000 Daltons.

63. (Original) The article of claim 60, wherein the weight average molecular weight of the PHA is from about 75,000 Daltons to about 115,000 Daltons.

64. (Currently Amended) An article, comprising:
a substrate having a surface; and
a composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a PHA containing at least about 65 wt% of a 3-hydroxybutyrate monomer and having a crystallinity of from about 5% to about 65%,
wherein the composition is supported by the surface of the substrate, and, when exposed to a pressure of at most about 100 psig, the composition can form a bond with a surface, the bond having a peel bond strength of at least about 10 Nm^{-2} .

65. (Original) The article of claim 64, wherein the PHA has a crystallinity of less than about 45%.

66. (Original) The article of claim 64, wherein the PHA has a crystallinity of from about 5% to about 40%.

67. (Currently Amended) An article, comprising:
a substrate having a surface; and
a composition ~~comprising at least one~~ consisting essentially of a PHA containing at least about 65 wt% of a 3-hydroxybutyrate monomer and having a glass transition temperature of from about -40°C to about 20°C,
wherein the composition is supported by the surface of the substrate, and, when exposed to a pressure of at most about 100 psig, the composition can form a bond with a surface, the bond having a peel bond strength of at least about 10 Nm⁻².

68. (Original) The article of claim 67, wherein the glass transition temperature of the PHA is from about -10°C to about -35°C.

69. (Original) The article of claim 67, wherein the glass transition temperature of the PHA is from about -10°C to about -25°C.

70. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
contacting a composition with a surface of an article, the composition ~~containing~~ consisting essentially of a PHA ~~and a solvent for the PHA~~, the PHA containing at least about 65 wt% of a 3-hydroxybutyrate monomer; and
processing the composition to form a layer having a surface tack time value of at most about 15 seconds,
wherein, when exposed to a pressure of at most about 100 psig, the layer can form a bond, the bond having a peel bond strength of at least about 10 Nm⁻².

71. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
pressing a composition consisting essentially of a PHA between at least two surfaces to form a pressed PHA, the PHA containing at least about 65 wt% of a 3-hydroxybutyrate monomer; and

separating the surfaces to expose the pressed PHA, the pressed PHA having a surface tack time value of at most about 15 seconds,

wherein, when exposed to a pressure of at most about 100 psig, the pressed PHA can form a bond with a surface, the bond having a peel bond strength of at least about 10 Nm^{-2} .

72. (Currently Amended) An adhesive composition, ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of:

a first PHA having a first weight average molecular weight; and

a second PHA having a second weight average molecular weight,

wherein one of the first and second PHAs contains at least about 65 wt% of a 3-hydroxybutyrate monomer, a difference between the first and second weight average molecular weights is at least about 1,000 Daltons, and, when exposed to a pressure of at most about 100 psig, the adhesive composition can form a bond with a surface, the bond having a peel bond strength of at least about 10 Nm^{-2} .

73. (Currently Amended) An article, comprising:
a substrate having a surface; and
an adhesive composition supported by the surface of the substrate, the adhesive composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of:

a first PHA having a first weight average molecular weight; and

a second PHA having a second weight average molecular weight,

wherein one of the first and second PHAs contains at least about 65 wt% of a 3-hydroxybutyrate monomer, a difference between the first and second weight average molecular weights is at least about 1,000 Daltons, and, when exposed to a pressure of at most about 100 psig, the adhesive composition can form a bond with a surface, the bond having a peel bond strength of at least about 10 Nm^{-2} .

74. (Currently Amended) An adhesive composition, ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of:

a first PHA; and

a second PHA,

wherein the first PHA has a polydispersity index of at least about two, one of the first and second PHAs contains at least about 65 wt% of a 3-hydroxybutyrate monomer, and, when exposed to a pressure of at most about 100 psig, the adhesive composition can form a bond with a surface, the bond having a peel bond strength of at least about 10 Nm^{-2} .

75. (Currently Amended) An article, comprising:
a substrate having a surface; and
an adhesive composition supported by the surface of the substrate, the adhesive composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of:

a first PHA; and

a second PHA,

wherein the first PHA has a polydispersity index of at least about two, one of the first and second PHAs contains at least about 65 wt% of a 3-hydroxybutyrate monomer, and, when exposed to a pressure of at most about 100 psig, the adhesive composition can form a bond with a surface, the bond having a peel bond strength of at least about 10 Nm^{-2} .

76. (Currently Amended) An adhesive composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a PHA containing at least a 4-hydroxybutyrate monomer, the adhesive composition having a surface tack time value of at most about 15 seconds,

Wherein, when exposed to a pressure of at most about 100 psig, the adhesive composition can form a bond with a surface or itself, the bond having a peel bond strength of at least about 10 Nm^{-2} .

77. (Currently Amended) An adhesive composition, ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a PHA containing at least a 4-hydroxybutyrate monomer,

wherein the adhesive composition is supported by the surface of the substrate, the composition has a surface tack time value of at most about 15 seconds, and the adhesive composition has an open time of at least about 70 minutes.

78. (Currently Amended) An adhesive composition, ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a PHA containing at least a 4-hydroxybutyrate monomer and having a weight average molecular weight of from about 1,000 Daltons to about 900,000 Daltons,

wherein the adhesive composition is supported by the surface of the substrate, and, when exposed to a pressure of at most about 100 psig, the adhesive composition can form a bond with a surface, the bond having a peel bond strength of at least about 10 Nm^{-2} .

79. (Currently Amended) An adhesive composition, ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a PHA containing at least a 4-hydroxybutyrate monomer and having a crystallinity of from about 5% to about 65%,

wherein the adhesive composition is supported by the surface of the substrate, and, when exposed to a pressure of at most about 100 psig, the adhesive composition can form a bond with a surface, the bond having a peel bond strength of at least about 10 Nm^{-2} .

80. (Currently Amended) An adhesive composition, ~~comprising at least one~~ consisting essentially of a PHA containing at least a 4-hydroxybutyrate monomer and having a glass transition temperature of from about -40°C to about 20°C ,

wherein the adhesive composition is supported by the surface of the substrate, and, when exposed to a pressure of at most about 100 psig, the adhesive composition can form a bond with a surface, the bond having a peel bond strength of at least about 10 Nm^{-2} .